

connection can only be made consciously by the user, thereby preventing undesirable connections.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 26 and 36 to read as follows:--

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26. (Amended) A method of connecting a mobile, electronic control and/or monitoring unit to at least one machine or at least one machine component in a group or a plurality of machines or machine components to be controlled and/or monitored, for example robots, characterised in that during a connection or log-on procedure between the control and/or monitoring unit and the respective machine or a distant point on the machine, a clear link or log-on connection is set up by means of interfaces to the selected, wireless direction-finder of the corresponding distant point or by means of transmitters and/or receivers tuned to the transmission range or reception range, having a limited, localised functional or operating range and, once the connection has been acknowledged and established, the programmed control and/or monitoring of the machine or the machine component is managed via another, standard data transmission means, for example a hard-wired network and/or via a wireless link between the control and/or monitoring unit and the selected machine or selected machine component, the connection being managed simply by actively accepting/acknowledging the potential connection by

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means of an operating element on the control and/or monitoring unit.

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36. (Amended) A control and/or monitoring unit having an input device with several operating elements and/or an optical display and having at least one interface to at least one control unit for one or more machines or machine components, for example robots, in particular for applying a method as claimed in claim 26, characterised in that another interface for a wireless connection system to a co-operating distant point in or on the machine to be controlled and/or monitored ensures that a clear and selective connection or link can be established with or on the control and/or monitoring unit to one or more machines or machine components to be monitored and an operating element is provided on the input device for selectively establishing and/or terminating the connection.

Cancel claims 31, 32, 33 and 48.

R E M A R K S

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